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HITOSHI YANAGAWA)
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AND METHOD OF DEALING)
WITH PROBLEMS IN SAID)
SYSTEM :

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 4,723,129
U.S. Patent No. 4,740,796
U.S. Patent No. 4,463,359
U.S. Patent No. 4,345,262
U.S. Patent No. 4,313,124
U.S. Patent No. 4,558,333
U.S. Patent No. 4,459,600
Japan 54-056847
Japan 60-071260
Japan 59-123670
Japan 59-138461

English language counterparts of the Japanese documents could not be located, but English language abstracts have been located and are enclosed.

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Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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